

Whipker Named Director of Parole

Media Contact:

Department of Correction

Java Ahmed

(317) 234-1693

E-mail: jahmed@doc.in.gov

"Mr. Whipker brings a great deal of experience in management, operations and supervision, I am confident that Whipker will be an asset to the agency and can energize the parole division."

Commissioner, J. David Donahue

Indianapolis, IN - (March 22, 2007) - J. David Donahue, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Correction has appointed Kenneth J. Whipker as the new Director of Parole Services, effective April 2, 2007.

"Mr. Whipker brings a great deal of experience in management, operations and supervision," said Commissioner Donahue. "I am confident that Whipker will be an asset to the agency and can energize the parole division."

A native of Columbus, Indiana, Mr. Whipker brings a broad range of professional experiences. His passion for education led him to IVY Tech State College and University of Indianapolis where he taught as an Adjunct Professor. He also served in the US Air Force and US Army National Guard. Most recently, Mr. Whipker was Sherriff of Bartholomew County in Columbus, Indiana. He served two terms.

Whipker follows Randy Focken, who left the Department to pursue other opportunities in March 2007. "I am very excited to join the Indiana Department of Correction and the opportunity to manage the Parole Division," said Kenny Whipker. "I look forward to working with parole agents and developing new solutions to promote public safety.

As Director of Parole, Whipker will manage the operations of the Department's nine parole offices. He will report to the Deputy Commissioner of Re-entry, Bruce Lemmon.

Mr. Whipker holds a Master's Degree in Management from Oakland City University and a Bachelor's Degree in Management from Indiana Wesleyan University.

About The Department of Correction

The Department employs over 8,000 employees and houses 24,000 adult and juveniles in 32 facilities,

ranging from minimum to maximum custody, prison camps, juvenile facilities and work release centers. The Department's home page on the Internet can be found at: <http://www.in.gov/indcorrection>. The Department's Re-entry Site can be found: <http://www.reentry.in.gov>.